

Dear FCC, On behalf of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, an association of all 246 cities and towns in Vermont, I am writing to express our deep concern at potential sale of Rural Cellular Corp. (Unicel) to Verizon Wireless. Vermont is a small rural state and not a particularly attractive market to many wireless companies. As a result in Vermont there are essentially only two companies providing service today and their coverage of the state is spotty at best. In some parts of the state Verizon provides good coverage and in other parts of the state only Unicel phones seem to work. In the 21st century, people rely heavily on wireless service to conduct their business and to provide public services, including police and emergency services, to residents. What incentive will Verizon have to expand service in Vermont if it is the only company operating in Vermont? What assurance will be provided to Vermonters that the service they have relied upon, if that is Unicel, will continue to be usable?

We urge the FCC to extend the timeframe for comment to allow Vermonters to carefully review the implications of the Rural Cellular sale to Verizon.

The FCC should at least assure that whatever companies operate in Vermont, 100% coverage of the state is assured.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

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